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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA -- FOLLOW-UP WITH TANZANIANS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO NYERERE'S JUNE 12 BRIEFING OF THE WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE FRONTLINE SUMMIT (REF A), CONTACT GROUP AGREED JUNE 12 THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF THE FOLLOWING: CONFIDENTIAL

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BEGIN DRAFT TALKING POINTS:

OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE RECEIVED YOUR REPORT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE FRONTLINE STATES MEETING WITH SWAPO IN LUANDA ON JUNE 10 AND 11 WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST. THEY GREATLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS WHICH YOU AND THE OTHER FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS HAVE DEVOTED TO ATTEMPTING

TO BRING ABOUT AGREEMENT ON THE FIVE PROPOSAL FOR A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS ARE
TO MEET ON JUNE 14 TO DISCUSS THE MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE
WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS,
AND ALSO THE QUESTION OF THE NEXT MEETING BETWEEN
SWAPO AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS. IN
THE MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA IS BEING
MADE AWARE OF THE FRONTLINE SUMMIT VIEWS AS TO THE
ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN SWAPO AND FRONTLINE STATE
AGREEMENT TO THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL. FOLLOWING THE
DISCUSSIONS OF OUR FIVE MINISTERS, WE SHALL AGAIN BE IN
CONTACT WITH YOU TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE MEANS
TO PURSUING OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING A NAMIBIAN
SETTLEMENT.

END DRAFT TALKING POINTS.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONTACT GROUP'S DISCUSSION, AMBAS-SADOR MCHENRY ALSO NOTED THAT IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT NYERERE'S APPARENT ROLE OF SPOKESMAN FOR THE FRONTLINE, IT WAS NOW TIME TO DISCUSS WITH TANZANIAN UN REPRESENTATIVE SALIM THE PRECISE WORDING OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH THE FIVE HAVE APPROVED ON WALVIS BAY (REF B). BRITISH AND FRENCH EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER COMMENCING CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSIDERATION OF EXACT LANGUAGE, BUT WITH THE OTHERS INSISTING, THEY AGREED TO QUERY LONDON AND PARIS ON THIS MATTER.

3. THE GROUP ALSO NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF NIGERIA'S ABSENCE FROM THE SUMMIT, THEY ARE PRESUMABLY NOT AWARE OF THE FIVE'S LATEST POSITION ON WALVIS BAY, AS DESCRIBED IN THE PAPER GIVEN TO KAUNDA (REF C AS REVISED REF D). GROUP THEREFORE AGREED THAT THE PORTION OF THE KAUNDA PAPER WHICH DESCRIBES OUR POSITION ON WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN WRITING (ON PLAIN WHITE BOND) TO THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. THE OTHER FOUR AGREED, SAW NO NEED TO REFER THE DECISION TO CAPITALS, AND REQUESTED THAT AMEMBASSY LAGOS ADVISE THEIR WESTERN FIVE COLLEAGUES OF THE GROUP'S DECISION. YOUNG

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